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PATENT
Docket No.: 10393-41858**Listing of Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior version and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Previously presented)(Allowed) A vendable delivery article, comprising:
a vendable prize delivery mechanism with a currency slot for the insertion of local market currency where the promotion is being done;
the vendable prize delivery mechanism of a size and shape like that of a primary product container that is customarily delivered to a consumer by a vending machine, having an opening to an interior for receiving a premium; and
a removable section to allow insertion of the premium into the interior of the article.
2. (Original)(Allowed) The vendable delivery article of claim 1, wherein the vendable prize delivery mechanism resembles a beverage can.
3. (Original)(Allowed) The vendable delivery article of claim 1, wherein the vendable prize delivery mechanism resembles a beverage bottle.
4. (Original)(Allowed) The vendable delivery article of claim 1, wherein the removable section comprises a weighted removable bottom section.
5. (Original)(Allowed) The vendable delivery article of claim 1, further comprising material covering the currency slot.
6. (Original)(Allowed) The vendable delivery article of claim 1, wherein the premium can be accessed by unscrewing the removable section.

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7. (Original)(Allowed) The vendable delivery article of claim 1, wherein the premium can be accessed by snapping apart the removable section.

8. (Original)(Allowed) The vendable delivery article of claim 1, wherein the vendable prize delivery mechanism is sufficiently transparent so that the consumer can see the premium without opening the removable section.

9. (Original)(Allowed) The vendable delivery article of claim 1, wherein the vendable prize delivery mechanism is branded similar to the primary product container.

10. (Original)(Allowed) The vendable delivery article of claim 1, further comprising a carrier that provides the vendable prize delivery mechanism with sufficient rigidity to withstand being placed in a column of primary product containers without degradation of the delivery mechanism.

11. (Original)(Allowed) The vendable delivery article of claim 1, further comprising a weighted carrier to encapsulate the premium.

12. (Original)(Allowed) The vendable delivery article of claim 1, further comprising weighted interlocking components to hold the premium.

13. (Original)(Allowed) The vendable delivery article of claim 12, wherein the weighted interlocking components comprise a carrier plug shaped to conform to an inner bottom surface of the primary product container.

14. (Previously presented)(Allowed) A method for delivering a vendable delivery article via a vending machine, comprising the steps of:

manufacturing a vendable prize delivery mechanism with an open currency slot;

assembling the vendable prize delivery mechanism by placing the premium into an interior region of the vendable prize mechanism;

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shipping the vendable prize delivery mechanism to multiple locations near where the vendable prize delivery mechanisms are to be vended;

inserting into the currency slot a proper local currency in the type and amount dictated by the local specific primary product cost into the vendable prize delivery mechanism; and

placing the local vendable prize delivery mechanism into a local vending machine.

15. (Original)(Allowed) The method of claim 14, wherein the vendable prize delivery mechanism resembles a beverage can.

16. (Original)(Allowed) The method of claim 14, wherein the vendable prize delivery mechanism resembles a beverage bottle.

17. (Original)(Allowed) The method of claim 14, wherein the vendable prize delivery mechanism comprises a weighted bottom section.

18. (Original)(Allowed) The method of claim 14, further comprising the step of covering the currency slot.

19. (Original)(Allowed) The method of claim 14, wherein the premium can be accessed by unscrewing a removable section.

20. (Original)(Allowed) The method of claim 14, wherein the premium can be accessed by snapping apart a removable section.

21. (Original)(Allowed) The method of claim 14, wherein the vendable prize delivery mechanism is sufficiently transparent so that the consumer can see the premium without opening a removable section.

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22. (Original)(Allowed) The method of claim 14, wherein the vendable prize delivery mechanism is branded similar to a primary product container customarily vended by the local vending machine.

23. (Original)(Allowed) The method of claim 14, wherein the vendable prize delivery mechanism has sufficient rigidity to withstand being placed in a column of primary product containers without degradation of the vendable prize delivery mechanism.

24. (Original)(Allowed) The method of claim 14, further comprising inserting a weighted carrier that holds the premium into the vendable prize delivery mechanism.

25. (Original)(Allowed) The method of claim 14, further comprising inserting into the vendable prize delivery mechanism weighted interlocking components to hold the premium.

26. (Previously presented)(Allowed) The method of claim 25, wherein the weighted interlocking components comprise a carrier plug shaped to conform to an inner bottom surface.

27. (Original)(Allowed) The method of claim 14, further comprising the step of sealing the mechanism by shrink-wrapping prior to shipping.

28. (Original)(Allowed) The method of claim 27, further comprising the step of covering the currency slot.

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29. (Currently amended) A method for delivering a vendable prize delivery article including a premium from a vending machine that requires a local currency, comprising the ~~steps~~ step of:

(a) inserting the premium into the vendable prize delivery article at a first location removed from the location of the vending machine, the vendable prize delivery article including a currency slot for receiving local currency for use in a vending machine;

(b) inserting local currency into the vendable prize delivery article at a second location where a local currency is applicable for a vending machine; and

(c) placing a the vendable prize delivery article mechanism including the premium and inserted local with a currency slot into a the vending machine.

30. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein the vendable prize delivery article resembles a beverage can.

31. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein the vendable prize delivery article resembles a beverage bottle.

32. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein the vendable prize delivery article comprises a weighted bottom section.

33. (New) The method of claim 29, further comprising the step of covering the currency slot.

34. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein the premium can be accessed by unscrewing a removable section.

35. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein the premium can be accessed by snapping apart a removable section.

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36. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein the vendable prize delivery article is sufficiently transparent so that the consumer can see the premium without opening a removable section.

37. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein the vendable prize delivery article is branded similar to a primary product container customarily vended by the local vending machine.

38. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein the vendable prize delivery article has sufficient rigidity to withstand being placed in a column of primary product containers without degradation of the vendable prize delivery article.

39. (New) The method of claim 29, further comprising inserting a weighted carrier that holds the premium into the vendable prize delivery article.

40. (New) The method of claim 29, further comprising inserting into the vendable prize delivery article weighted interlocking components to hold the premium.

41. (New) The method of claim 40, wherein the weighted interlocking components comprise a carrier plug shaped to conform to an inner bottom surface.

42. (New) The method of claim 29, further comprising the step of sealing the article by shrink-wrapping prior to shipping.

43. (New) The method of claim 42, further comprising the step of covering the currency slot.

44. (New) The method of claim 29, further comprising the step of shipping the article including the premium to a second location where a promotion involving the premium is done.

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45. (New) The method of claim 44, further comprising the step of shipping the article including the premium to multiple locations near where the articles are to be vended.

46. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the step of shipping the vendable prize delivery mechanism to multiple locations comprises shipping a plurality of articles to a local country where the promotion is being done.